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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO INAUGURATE THIRD MEETING
OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

1. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW JANUARY 8, DR. SAMUEL SIVS,
IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW FACULTY OF COMPARATIVE
LAW, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD ITS THIRD
MEETING IN MEXICO FEBRUARY 18-21, THAT PRESIDENT

ECHEVERRIA HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE
OPENING OF THIS MEETING, AND THAT THE MEETING WILL
EXAMINE THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE PINOCHET
REGIME IN CHILE BOTH IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL AND CHILEAN
LAW. DR. SIVS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WILL
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BRING TO LIGHT "HERETOFORE UNKNOWN TRANSGRESSIONS" OF THE

CHILEAN JUNTA AND THAT IT WILL CONSTITUTE BOTH A DEMONSTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL SENTIMENT AND A FORM OF PRESSURE ON THE JUNTA.

2. DR. SIVS, WHO IS VISITING MEXICO TO PREPARE FOR THE SUBJECT MEETING, SAID THAT HE IS ONE OF A THREE-MAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND IDENTIFIED HIS COLLEAGUES AS MARCO JASSKELAINEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI AND ALFREDO VARELA OF ARGENTINA. ON THE MEXICAN SIDE, HE SAID THAT THE FOLLOWING AMONG OTHERS, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THIS MEETING (COMMENTS IN PARENTHESIS): JESUS REYES HEROLES (PRESIDENT OF THE RULING PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO INSTITUCIONAL, PRI); SENADOR MIGUEL ANGEL BARBARENE VEGA (SECGEN OF THE PRI); JESUS SILVA HERZOG (OCTOGENARIAN MARXIST PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS); ING. CUAUHEMOC CARDENAS (SON OF A FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND A WELL KNOWN SUPPORTER OF LEFTIST CAUSES); DR. SERGIO MENDEZ ARCEO (BISHOP OF CUERNAVACA WHO IS A WELL-KNOWN ADMIRER OF SALVADOR ALLENDE AND ACHIEVED INTERNATIONAL NOTORIETY AS THE RANKING CATHOLIC CLERGYMAN AT THE CHRISTIANS FOR SOCIALISM CONFERENCE IN SANTIAGO IN MAY OF 1972); JOSE MURAT (PRI DEPUTY AND COORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS); MANUEL STEPHANS GARCIA (PRESS SECRETARY OF THE LEFTIST PARTIDO POPULAR SOCIALISTA, PPS); AND MANUEL TERRAZAS (A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PARTIDO COMUNISTA DE MEXICO'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE).

3. DR. SIVS SAID THAT AT LEAST 45 POLITICAL LEADERS, SCHOLARS, AND LEGISLATORS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING. AMONG THOSE COMING, SIVS LISTED THE FOLLOWING: JACOB SODERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION; HANS GORAN FRANKE, SECGEN OF THE COMMISSION; E. TACKMAN OF SWEDEN; OLLE SPERSEN OF THE DANISH PARLIAMENT; DR. STUBI, VICE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN; PLATS MILLS, COUNSELOR TO QUEEN ELIZABETH; AND DR. NORMAN, SECGEN OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS.

4. DR. SIVS ALSO RELEASED THE TEXT OF A CABLE REQUESTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THIS MEETING BE HELD IN MEXICO FROM JESUS REYES HEROLES, JESUS SILVA HERZOG AND ADRIANA LOMBARDO (DAUGHTER OF PPS FOUNDER LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, AND PROMINENT LEFTIST IN HER OWN RIGHT).
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